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RAYDENTM AND KANOTM



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A full-page illustration of Rayden, a character from Mortal Kombat. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a grey robe with a blue and white patterned chest piece. He has a determined, almost angry expression, with his mouth open showing teeth. His right arm is raised, and his hand is near his head. The background is a solid light purple.

HE IS THE *STORM WARRIOR*, THE *LIGHT-BRINGER*, THE *THUNDER GOD*.

MEN CALL HIM *RAYDEN*.

FOR *COUNTLESS* AGES, HE HAS SERVED AS A *PROTECTOR* FOR OUR WORLD.

RAYDEN & KANO
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HE HAS STOOD UP AGAINST THE PLANS OF *WILD CONQUERORS* AND EVEN OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PANTHEON.

FOR THE *GODS* SEEK A *BALANCE* BETWEEN THE FORCES OF *GOOD* AND *EVIL* HERE ON THE *EARTH* REALM.

...AND *RAYDEN* WILL HAVE *NOTHING* TO DO WITH THAT.

EYE OF THE STORM

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THE ARCTIC CIRCLE GETS FEW VISITORS DUE TO ITS HARSH CONDITIONS AND SEVERE COLD.

THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT IT'S *ALWAYS* QUIET THERE.

FOR *WHAT* ARE HARSH CONDITIONS AND SEVERE COLD TO ONE WHO *CONTROLS* THE WEATHER?

WHAT ARE THEY TO A *GOD*?



RELEASE
THE *POWER*
OF THE
STORM!

BY THE *FURY*
OF THE HEAVENS
AND THE *WRATH*
OF THE GODS...

NOW IS THE
TIME FOR EVIL
TO BE
VANQUISHED.

FORGED IN THE SWELTERING
FIRES OF HELL, BRIMMING WITH
THE POWER OF THE ASSES.

IT'S BEEN CALLED ANGELSLAYER,
DEMONSWORD, RANGOR.

EBBONRULE. A BLADE OF
PURE MALEVOLENCE.

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE
TO FIGHT EVIL WITH EVIL.

A PART OF TOWN YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN AFTER DARK.

THERE'S
NO SIGN OF HIM, SONYA.
HE MUST HAVE ESCAPED
AGAIN.

I STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE HE
ATTACHED AN
ENTIRE SPECIAL
FORCES UNIT
ALONE.

FACE IT, JAX,
THERE'S NO ONE
MORE DANGEROUS
THAN AGARD.

I GOTTA
TELL YOU SONYA,
I'M A LITTLE BIT
SCARED.

I'M
FRIGHTENED
OF HIM,
TOO.

I
ALWAYS
HAVE
BEEN.

IF YOU TWO
AREN'T SMART
ENOUGH TO
COME IN OUT OF
THE ARMY...

...THEN
YOU'RE TOO
DUMB TO
GO ON
ANYTHING.

SLIZZ

YOU'RE A **SAS**
BOY, JAX. IT'S
TIME SOMEBODY
CUT YOU DOWN
TO SIZE.

GAGGCHOK

AND DON'T
THINK I'VE
FORGOTTEN
ABOUT YOU,
SONYA
BLADE.

I'VE
BEEN
SAVING
YOU FOR
LAST.

RYYYYYEE!
IT'S HIM!

YAGGAGGNN!

YOU'VE BEEN
A PAIN IN MY RECK
FOR A LONG TIME,
SONYA.

IT'S ABOUT
TIME I
RETURNED THE
FAVOR.

WHUMP

SNAPPPPP

WHAT
WHERE?
WHAT
DID?

WOULDN'T YOU
KNOW IT? JUST A
SWEET DREAM.


BUT MY
THROBBIN' HEAD
TELLS ME IT
AIN'T.

THIS LOOKS
LIKE ANOTHER
DREAM.

FEEL LIKE
I BEEN PUT
THROUGH A
MEAT
GRINDER.

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GONNA
HAPPEN, BUT I'M GONNA
FIND OUT. I'M
GONNA.

WHAT?
WHO ARE
YOU?



SHE IS
WYND, AND
I AM HER
SISTER
RAYNE.

TOGETHER
WE ARE THE
SERVANTS AND
GUARDIANS OF
THE HOUSE OF
RAYDEN.

THE THUNDER
GOD HAD AFFAIRS
WHICH REQUIRED HIS
ATTENTION, BUT HE
BADE YOU WAIT
HERE.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
WHAT IS THIS
PLACE?

SAVE YOUR
QUESTIONS FOR
OUR MASTER,
KAND,

THE STORM
WARRIOR SHALL
MAKE IT ALL
CLEAR IN DUE
TIME.

DRINK A
FEW SIPS OF
THIS HEALING
TEA.

BUT BE
WARE; IT WAS
NOT MEANT
FOR MORTAL
LIPS.

NOW
ABOUT YOU,
SWEET-
HEART?

WERE
YOU MADE
FOR MORTAL
LIPS?

NO! LEARN
ME, YOU FOOL.



UUGGGGHHH

THE
THUNDER
GOD BRINGS
YOU INTO HIS
ARMY...

...AND YOU
REPAY HIM
WITH VILE AND
UNCOUTH
ACTIONS.

WHIAKK!



KEESH

HE IS A
COARSE, CRUDE
BEING, SISTER.
WHAT USE COULD
OUR LORD HAVE
WITH HIM?

THE
THUNDER GOD
MUST HAVE HIS
REASON'S
WIND.

I CANNOT
IMAGINE
WHAT IT
MIGHT BE.

UUGGGGHHH



YOU
WANNA
KNOW WHAT
I GOT?

KANO
WILL BE
HAPPY
TO SHOW
YOU.

ONE-- I GOT
A KNIFE. TWO--
I GOT A BAD
ATTITUDE.

YOU MAY
HAVE A
WEAPON,
WARRIOR,
BUT YOU
HAVE NO
MORAL.

YOU HAVE NO
PLACE IN THE
HOUSE OF THE
STORM
WARRIOR.

THEN MAYBE
IT'S TIME TO
BRING THE HOUSE
DOWN.

AND
NOBODY
BRINGS DOWN
THE... WHAT?

YOU WOULD
BE WELL ADVISED
TO LAY ASIDE
YOUR ANGER,
MORTAL.

UH OH.

KEEF GSHH

UH, LISTEN,
I WAS JUST
TELLING THE
GIRLS...UH.

YOU GOT
A REAL NICE
PLACE HERE.

YOUR HEART
IS FILLED WITH
CORRUPTION AND
HATRED.

YOUR LIFE HAS
BEEN WASTED
AMID SCHEMES OF
UNLAWFULNESS AND
ACTS OF SENSELESS
CRUELTY BUT IT'S
NOT TOO LATE

RAYDEN
HAS AN
OFFER FOR
YOU, KANO

AN
OPPORTUNITY
FOR
REDEMPTION.

I DON'T
KNOW IF
I'M STILL
DREAMIN'
OR
WHAT

BUT KANO
AIN'T USED
TO GETTIN'
KICKED
AROUND.

NOT
EVEN BY
GODS

THESE ARE
PERILIOUS
DAYS, KANO

WHY ELSE
WOULD THE
THUNDER GOD
ALLY HIMSELF
WITH ONE SUCH
AS YOU?

WHY ELSE
WOULD HE LET
YOU LIVE THIS
DAY?

WRAA K K

YAAAAARRRRGGGGHH



I HAVE
WATCHED
YOU FOR
MANY YEARS,
MORTAL

SINCE YOU
WERE AN ORPHAN
CHILD ON THE
DIRTY STREETS OF
HONG KONG.

I FOLLOWED
YOUR RISE IN THE
BLACK DRAGON CRIME
ORGANIZATION AND
YOUR PARTICIPATION
IN *MORTAL
KOMBAT*

YOU LOOK
UNWELL. PERHAPS
I MAY HELP?

GET...
AWAY FROM
ME...

I HAVE
LOOKED INTO
YOUR SOUL,
KANO

I HAVE SEEN
THE POTENTIAL
FOR GOOD
THERE EVEN
IF YOU HAVE
NOT

WE'LL
GUESS WHAT
JACK?

THAT'S
THE LAST THING
YOU'RE GONNA
SEE

RIPPP

HOW DOES
THAT FEEL
"MURDER
G'D

YOU
HAVE MADE
AN UNWISE
DECISION,
MORTAL

UHL
WAITAMINUTE

SHOULD YOU
LIVE THROUGH
THIS, I SUGGEST
YOU LISTEN

AYYYYYYYYYEEEEEE

RRAAAA-ZZZZ



LORD
HE MAY NEED
HELP TO
SURVIVE

YOU HAVE
WALKED THE
WAY OF DARK-
NESS FOR SO
LONG THAT
YOU KNOW NO
OTHER
ROAD

BUT
RAYDEN
CAN SHOW
YOU THE
WAY

RAYNE
BANG
IN THE
SCROLL

FOR HIS
TWISTED, TORTURED
SOUL DEATH WOULD
BE A RELEASE FROM
PAIN

BUT
KANO WILL
NOT DIE THIS
DAY

JAHJAH
JAHJAH

I HAVE
BROUGHT
THE OTHER
FIRM
AS WELL
LORD

HERE
WE
GO

THIS IS
THE STORY OF
THE RISE AND
FALL OF THE
BLACK
DRAGON.

THESE ARE
THE WORDS PUT
FORTH BY RAYDEN
BOD OF THUNDER
AFTER THE DECLINE OF
DRAGON. ANCIENT
ENVOY OF
OUTWORLD

THE BLACK DRAGON

"I HAVE MET DRAGON,
ON MY LAST BATTLE WITH
THEY HAD A TAIL LIKE
SOULSWITCHER THE DARK
D"

AT HIS RIGHT HAND WAS AN
E... SEE... IN...
WITH...
THE... THE... VIEW

VERTICE CAN CAME TO
AN UNDERSTANDING WITH
THE... THE...
... THE... THE...

UNLESS YOU WOULD THE
EBOOKS BUT DO NOT
NEW... TRUE TOWER

... THE... WARD... RISED
ALL... BY... ON
... THE... TO... TRUST



THE BATTLE WAS FIERCE FOR MANY
HOURS. POWERFUL ENCHANTMENTS


PERHAPS THE ARMY WOULD
THAT ANY OF THEM

YET IN THE END GAN
FOUND THE INNER
STRENGTH WITHIN HIS
SELF

NO MORE BUT THE
LIMITLESS POWER OF
ENCHANTMENT

FOR THE M. TIC BLADE ENCHANTMENT
HAS ACTIVATED.

IS AN EVIL MAN
T. BLADE IS BACK
IN EVIL



WITH A SINGLE STROKE CAAN ENDED A REIGN OF
DESPERATION AND DESPAIR IN OUTWORLD

AND LIVED WELL ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE

ON HIS
DEATHBED HE
GAVE RAYDEN
THE MAGIC
BLADE, LEST IT
EVER BE USED
WRONGLY
AGAIN

CAAN? THE
BLACK
DRAGON?

THERE IS
STRENGTH
IN YOUR
HEART KANO.
FIND IT

THE
EBBONRULE
CAN BE USED TO
BRING DOWN
SHAO KAHN'S
DARK EMPIRE

IF YOU'RE
WILLING TO
TRUST ME

THEN I
GUESS I
OUGHT TO
TRUST
YOU

SOON AFTER VERY FAR AWAY

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
BIG GUY

IF THIS IS
THE SPOT
THEN WHERE'S
SHANG TSUNG'S
ISLAND?

IT DOES
NOT EXIST IN
THIS REALM
UNLESS IT
SUITS TSUNG
OR HIS
MASTER

SHAO KAHN
CAN MOVE
AN ENTIRE
ISLAND?

THAT'S
PRETTY
POWER-
FUL

HE IS
MORE POWERFUL
THAN EVEN
DRAGON WAS IN
HIS TIME

AND SHAO
KAHN IS NELL-
BENT ON
CONQUERING
EARTH.

EARTH!
HE CAN'T
DO THAT

YOU'RE
WRONG
HE CAN
DO IT

UNLESS
WE STOP
HIM

EARTH AND OUTWORLD
ARE SEPARATED BY DIMENSIONAL BARRIERS

WALS MEANT TO
PREVENT FRAYES
BETWEEN THE
TWO WORLDS

NOT
SPY!

BUT AGAINST
THE POWER OF
A GOD.

EVEN A GOD AS POWERFUL AS THE
WILL BUCKLE AND BREAK

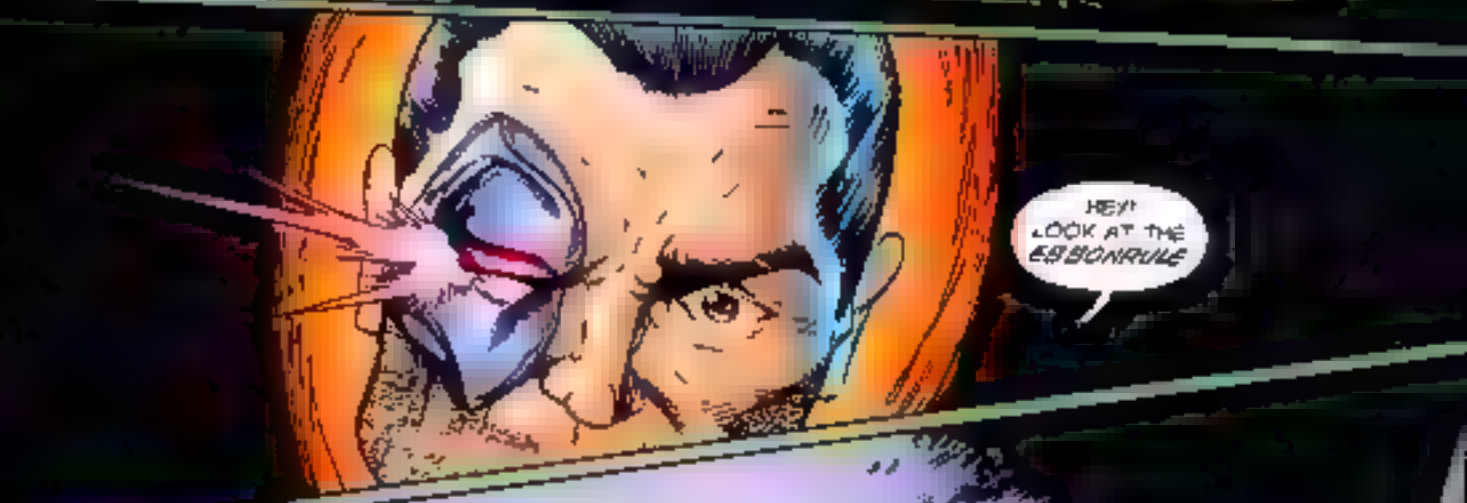
TOOK
MORE ENERGY
THAN I
IMAGINED.

ON MY
GOD - YOU
AT THAT!

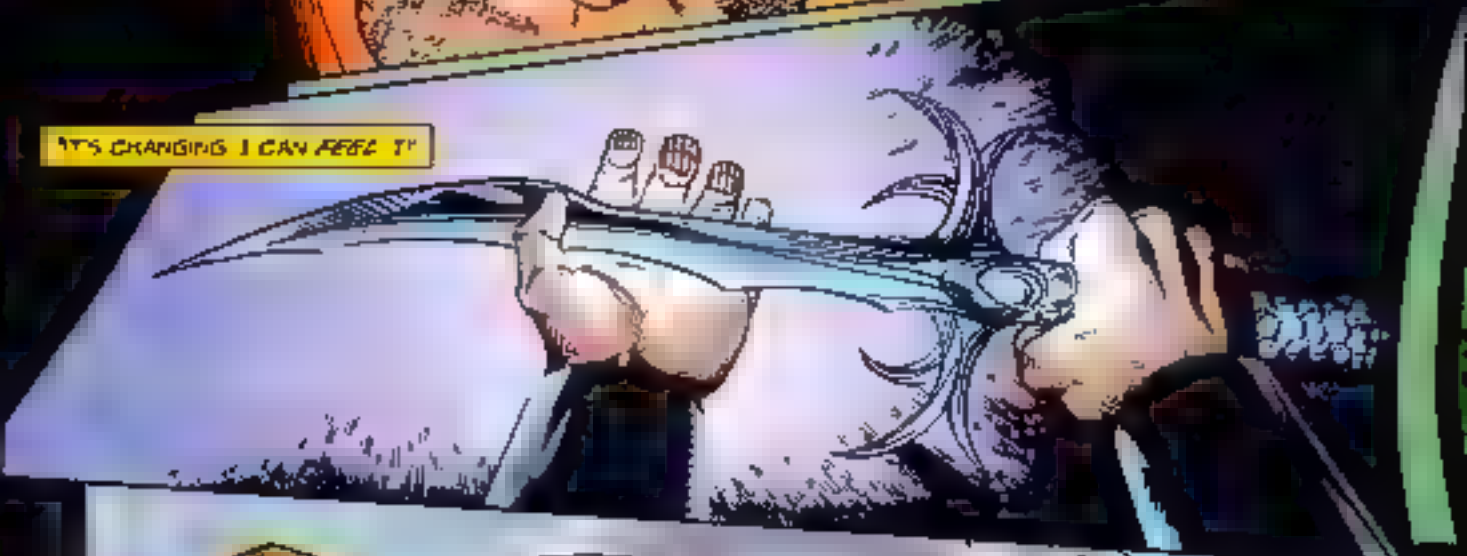


WE HAVE
MADE IT
KANO

WELCOME
BACK TO
OUTWORLD



HEY!
LOOK AT THE
ER BONRULE



IT'S CHANGING I CAN FEEL IT



I CAN FEEL
IT INSIDE

THEN WAS
CORRECT IN MY
ASSUMPTIONS

LET US
STORM THE
FORTRESS OF
SHAO KAHN.

NEARBY, INSIDE THE
LOOMING STRUCTURE...

MASSSTER!
YOUR SSSERVANT
MASSS NEWSSS
FOR YOU.

NEWSSS MOSSST
DANGEROUSSS.

THE SSSSTORM
WARRIOR HASSS
RETURNED, SSSHAAO
KAHN.

I AM
AWARE OF
ALL COMINGS
AND GOINGS IN
OUTWORLD,
REPTILE.

BUT HE
WIELDSSS THE
EBBONRULE.

THE
THUNDERER HAS
NEDDLED IN THE
AFFAIRS OF
OUTWORLD ONCE
TOO OFTEN.

OF ALL
THE GODS, ONLY
RAYDEN SHOWS
NO RESPECT FOR
ALMIGHTY SHAO
KAHN.



IT ISSS
NOT I WHO HASSS
THREATENED YOU
WITH THE
EBBONRULE.

DOES HE
BELIEVE I DO
NOT KNOW THE
TALE OF THE
BLACK
DRAGON?

DOES HE
THINK SHAO
KAHN TO BE
A FOOL?

FLEASSSE
MY LORD. DO
NOT SSSTRIKE
REPTILE.



THAT'S
CORRECT. RAYDEN
HAS THREATENED
SHAO KAHN



HE HAS
BROUGHT THE
EBBONRULE
INTO
OUTWORLD.



THE OTHER
GODS WILL
RECOGNIZE
THAT I WAS
ACTING ONLY
IN SELF-
DEFENSE.

SO LET
THE STORM
WARRIOR
FALL!



NEARBY...

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND...

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING...

WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?



NO... MUST NOT HAPPEN... RAYDEN...

BE CAREFUL, YOU'RE... AYYYYEEEE!



OHMYGOD, OHMYGOD, OHMYGOD...



IT IS... IN YOUR HANDS... KANO...

DO NOT FAIL...



COME ON, RAYDEN! COME ON AND CATCH ME!

YAAAAARRRRRRGGGSHHHHHN!!!

AND THEN THERE IS *NOTHING*

LIKE A SPRING RAIN, THE STORM
WARRIOR HAS COME AND GONE

SOON THE ECHOES OF THE BLAST DIE OUT
AND SILENCE FILLS THE WASTED PLAINS OF
OUTWORLD. NOT A SINGLE SOUND CAN BE
HEARD.

EXCEPT ONE

THE LAUGHTER OF SAUO KUNU

NEXT

THE EVIL THAT MEN DO...